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Mr. William E. Colby, Director  
The Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bill:

Some of my people have picked up word that the Agency is planning an external research program that would be of considerable interest to INR and to selected other parts of State as well.

If my information is correct, it will involve activities such as new analytical and estimative techniques for political and strategic studies, including negotiation models. I also understand that the IC staff is interested and involved in this effort.

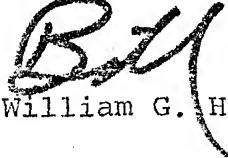
Given the thrust of NSDM-98 on external research, and our genuine substantive interest in what the Agency may develop, is there some way we could help and cooperate?

We have already supported some work in these areas and would like to do more. However, budgetary realities suggest that at best we might be able to contribute in a small way to some jointly funded activities. More importantly, I am sure we can arrange some intellectual and "potential user" inputs through INR that would assure greater utility of end products in State without distorting their utilization elsewhere in the intelligence community.

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If you do not object, I will ask my staff to be in touch with [REDACTED] as the Agency's newly designated representative to the Committee on Foreign Affairs Research, a sub-group of the NSC Under Secretaries Committee.

Sincerely,

  
William G. Hyland

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P.S. - As of possible interest in connection with NSDM-98, I enclose a copy of the Introduction to the Fourth USC/FAR Consolidated Research Plan that will be transmitted later this month by the Chairman of the NSC-USC to the President.

Enclosure:  
As stated.